

DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of applicant's amendment filed January 10, 2008.

Claim(s) 1-10 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim(s) 11 and 12 are pending, and an action on the merits is as follows.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 11 and 12 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for the indication of allowance of claims 11 and 12 is the inclusion of the limitations regarding the plurality of conveying belts at predetermined intervals in the direction perpendicular to the conveying direction, where the belts are located below the bottom of the platen plate, and the platen has a crenellated shape with inclined ribs projecting upward, in combination with the other claimed limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joshua M. Dubnow whose telephone number is (571)270-1337. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Luu can be reached on 571-272-7663. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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